categorized freedom-fighters; and

(d) if not, by when a decision would be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS SHRI P. M.SAYEED): (a) AH applicatio\ns received for grant of freedom .ghters pension within the prescribed last date i e. 31.3.1982 have been disposed of atleast once and decisions communicated to the applicants. 3935 claims received after 31.3.1982 were pending consideration with the Government as on 30.11.1993. Majority of these claims had been received on various dates after 2S.10.198S which was the last date for receipt of applications in the case of persons who had suffered in the border camps in connection with the Hyderabad Liberation Movement.

(b) and (c) Freedom figthers' pension has been sanctioned to the following four categories of persons:

Sl. No.	Category	Number of persons
1.	Ex-Andaman Prisoners	285
2.	Freedom Fighters who suffered 5 years of imprisonment in mainland jails and outside British India	8
3.	Freedom fighters who have been granted freedom fighters' pension suo-motu	278
4.	Other category of freedom fighters	1,60.997

(d) Does not arise.

Rise in Rape Cases in Delhi

2869. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of rapes in the capital have been on the increase; if so, the comparative figures of such cases during 1991, 1992 and so far in 1993 indicating the cases in which minors were the victims; and

(b) what steps are contemplated to curb this trend?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) The rape cases reported during the year 1993 (upto 30.1.1.1993) and its corresponding period of 1991 and 1992 and the cases in which minors were the victims are as under:-

Year	Number of cases reported	Rape of minor girls (upto the age of 15 years)
1991 (upto 30.11.91)	203	66
1992 (upto 30.11.92)	278	127
1993 (upto 30.11.93)	285	143

(b) Measures taken up to curb such crime include—

(i) verifications of antecedents of servants on request;

(ii) vigilance by beat / patrolling staff and giving of all possible help to the children in distress;

(iii) priority to investigation c f rape cases; and

(iv) Special briefing for sensitizing policemen on such crimes as part of training of policemen.

Bringing Professionals under the Ambit of Trade Tax

2870. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact tha* Government have cleared a proposal to bring professionals and those working for a trade or business under the ambit of professional tax and trade tax in Delhi; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) No, Sir,

(b) Question does not arise.